



**Damaged clothes
aren't garbage anymore.**

Give ALL clothes, shoes and linens.

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Recycle your torn and worn clothes

Do you toss damaged clothes, shoes and household linens into the trash because you think they can't be donated? We've got great news: clothes and linens that aren't reusable can be recycled into industrial wiping cloths, carpet padding, insulation and more. So along with reusable clothes, gather up your mismatched socks, ripped t-shirts, and faded old sheets and bring to a local donation location.

Why should you give all clothes, shoes, and linens for reuse or recycling? Nearly 95 percent of the clothes, shoes, and linens that Americans toss into the garbage could have been recycled or reused.¹ Dropping off these items at a donation location will help keep them out of the landfill!

Many thrift stores, drop boxes, and others accept *all* your items in any condition. In the past, only "gently used" items could be accepted. But markets have changed, and partners of the Threadcycle campaign (sponsored by King County and Seattle Public Utilities) now take items that are stained, holey, or damaged, as long as they are not wet, mildewed, or contaminated with hazardous materials. Some are reused, and some get recycled into new products.

Even single shoes, socks, gloves, and other items that are normally paired-up can be matched with other "singles" and worn by people who otherwise would not have those items to wear.

For more information about where you can give your clothes, shoes, and linens for reuse or recycling, check out the Threadcycle website at kingcounty.gov/threadcycle



¹ "Post-Consumer Textiles: King County LinkUp Research Summary Report". Pg. 1(King County, April 2014).
<http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/linkup/documents/textiles-research-summary-2014-04.pdf>